

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1577

Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins

February 2, 2012

An act to add Section 3007.5 to the Penal Code, relating to parolees.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1577, as introduced, Atkins. Parolee: driver's licenses.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to require a person applying for a driver's license or an identification card to provide any identification that it determines is necessary to ensure the identity of the applicant.

This bill would authorize the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or county jails to provide an offender with a parolee identification card and would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to honor that card as a valid source of identification for the purposes of applying for a driver's license or an identification card.

The bill would require the above-referenced departments and county jails to adopt rules and enter into interagency agreements necessary to establish the identities of offenders for the purposes of assisting offenders in obtaining a driver's license or identification card immediately upon the offender's release. The bill would specify that its provisions are not intended to abrogate any requirement set forth in the Vehicle Code. By requiring counties to adopt rules and enter into agreements to expand services to prisoners, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3007.5 is added to the Penal Code, to
2 read:
3 3007.5. (a) The Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department
4 of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and county jails shall adopt
5 rules and enter into interagency agreements necessary to establish
6 the identity of an offender for the purpose of assisting the offender
7 in obtaining a driver's license or identification card immediately
8 upon the offender's release from an institution of the Department
9 of Corrections and Rehabilitation or a county jail.
10 (b) The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or a
11 county jail may provide an offender a parolee identification card
12 that shall be honored by the Department of Motor Vehicles as a
13 valid source of identification for the purposes of applying for a
14 driver's license or an identification card.
15 (c) Nothing in this section is intended to abrogate any
16 requirement set forth in the Vehicle Code.
17 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
18 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
19 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
20 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
21 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.